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the upcoming year. Instead of offering an amendment to the appropriations bill, I plan to have these agencies address it in the interim. These agencies need to work together to scrutinize their budgets and so that these ALR claims don't have to come in front of us every year. I'll be following up through a interim study by the Business and Labor Committee to ensure that this process is taking place. The intent is to make sure that claims are processed and operating in efficiency...efficiently as possible. The next area that we need to talk about is the claim of a indemnification claim against the...for attorney fees in the Carhart-Stenberg case, otherwise known as the partial-birth abortion case. As you all know, the state lost the case and the plaintiff was awarded attorney's fees at the district court level of the Eighth District...Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals level and the United States Supreme Court level. These fees are court awarded and have been recommended for the approval by the Attorney General. That's my opening.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Before we go on here, and, members, I thank you for this little disturbance we have here for realizing what's going on. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Foley, you're recognized to speak on the amendment to the committee amendments to LB 849.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Connealy, I wonder if you might yield to a couple questions. I...this is all brand new to me. I, you know, I'm going to ask a lot of dumb questions, I apologize, but I'm not familiar with this whole process and...(Voting Bell Rings) (Laugh)

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, go ahead.

SENATOR FOLEY: Did I win? (Laugh)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Sorry about that. Go ahead. (Laughter)

SENATOR FOLEY: (Laugh) Obviously, my concern is page 7, the Carhart case. I won't...I won't beat around the bush. Help me understand this. Carhart filed a claim against the state for the partial-birth legislation.